

To the Hon Senate & House of Representatives
of the United States.

Your Petitioner William R Thompson of
Ann Arbor Washtenaw County & State of Michigan
humbly shews unto your honorable bodies
that on the 27th day of October AD 1835 he
made a contract with Hon Amos Kendall then
Postmaster General to carry the United States
mail for the term of four years from the first
day of January AD 1836 from Detroit to Marshall
a distance of 113 miles tri-weekly & received
therefor the sum of \$449.50 quarterly as per
said contract No 1703. that said route soon after
its commencement was run daily by four horse
post coaches instead of tri-weekly as per the
said contract. for the first two years from
Detroit to Marshall & the last two years from
Ann Arbor to Marshall. & in addition to said
route he was compelled by said P.M. General
to run a stage & carry the mail tri-weekly from
Ann Arbor to Dexter & back & supply the post office
at Scio village which places were directly
off from route 1703. that during the time
he run said route & particularly in the year 1837
his expenses were much more than his receipts
being obliged to add to his teams & coaches &
run the route daily & paying high for feed
& as high as \$1.50 to \$2.00 per bushel for oats &c.
& that during the four years he suffered a
great loss in running said route daily instead
of tri-weekly in consequence of the contracts
being let at so low a rate & by being obliged
to run to Dexter a place not intended to be
embraced in the contract & situated 17 miles off
from route 1703. which has always been

Let as a separate Contract River..

And he prays that your honorable bodies
may take the matter into consideration and
grant to him such allowance as the
nature of the case may admit & as equity
& good conscience require

And your petitioner as in duty bound
will ever pray &c.

Sho 24th AD 1843.

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Memorial of
William R Thompson
of Ann Arbor, Mich:
praying compensation
for extra services in
the transportation of the
Mail.

December 28. 1848 Referred to
the Committee on the Post
Office & Post Roads.
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W. C. C. C. C.